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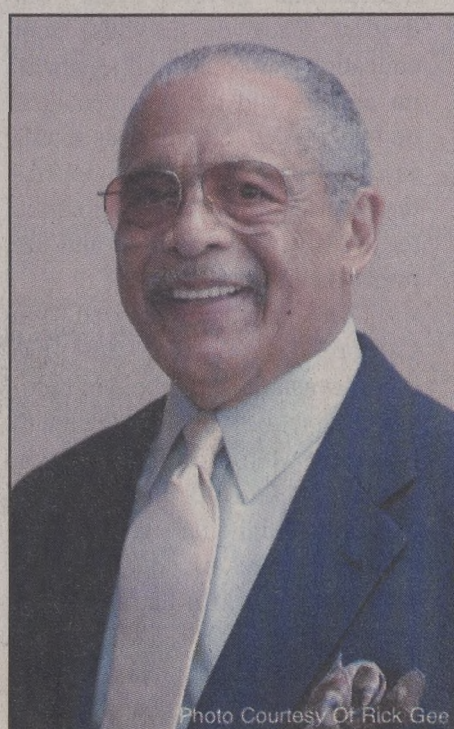
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Rick Gee Inducted Into Howard U's Hall of Fame



Rick Gee

BY CANDACE K. CLARKE

"Some people seem to accomplish more in one day than others do in a lifetime." So often we hear the clichéd phrase, but there is an overwhelming sense that Rick Gee, well-known to *The Weekly Challenger* readers for his "Jazz Jamm's" columns, is a multi-talented renaissance man who, is constant, self-motivated, and driven to excel in every aspect of his life.

Recently, this jazz enthusiast was given top honors for excelling in one of his passions — that of swimming. On Friday, November 2, Gee was inducted into the Howard University Athletic Hall of Fame. An avid swimmer since the age of six, during his time at Howard and still today, Gee's selection for this honor makes him one of the chosen few.

Although student participation in Howard's sports teams had taken place since the 1880's, the first induction ceremony for the university's Athletic Hall of Fame did not take place until Homecoming 1994 when one team and eight former student-athletes were recognized. Over the next four years, 35 individuals, including former athletes, coaches and administrators, were selected for this honor.

It was the power of the Bison Express

Athletics Association that urged this tradition to continue. The Bison Express reinstituted the Hall of Fame inductions in 2003. The 2007 class consists of seven former student-athletes and three coaches recognized as "extraordinary men and women who made magnificent achievements," praised the university in a published statement. "They are innovators and serve as inspiration to us all. Their names remain on the university's list of superlative accomplishments — the most wins, the fastest time, the most points — as well as in the memories of Bison fans."

The weekend was filled with Friday's silent auction, dinner and induction ceremony at the Armour J. Blackburn Ballroom at the University

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Perkins Elementary Students Inspired By Old Fashion Values



Larre' Davis' class at Perkins Elementary School

BY JOYCE NANETTE JOHNSON

Halloween parades that wind through the corridors of numerous Pinellas County schools are a tradition which many students have enjoyed through the years.

For this year's Halloween parade, Larre' Davis, a first year teacher, used personal money to outfit her class of nine students, ages seven to ten, for their debut. She was not interested in traditional clown, or witch costumes, but wanted her students to represent their own African-American history. "I wanted them to know they have a rich heritage, and that they can become anything they want to be. Each costume represented a significant being," Davis explained. She went to six thrift stores to find the perfect costume to

represent such historical figures as Garrett Augustus Morgan, who invented the first traffic signal; Mary E. Mahoney, who was the first black, professional nurse in the United States; Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who created Black History Month; Madam C.J. Walker, entrepreneur, and one of the first black millionaires, and other notable African-Americans. Davis taught each child history of the person they represented by reading to them, and questioning them about their model. The students held signs that explained whom they represented as they marched through the building. "They walked with dignity, and held their heads high," Davis said proudly.

Larre' Davis is a St. Petersburg native and a 1991 graduate of Dixie Hollins High School. At St. Petersburg College Davis chose the Exceptional

Student program because she felt the program was rich, and dealt with behaviors, thought patterns, and emotions that have a direct effect on a student's academic program. She says she always wanted to be a teacher. She comes from a family of teachers that include her cousin, Keila Victor, assistant principal at Southside Fundamental, Aunt Freddrea Shelton, recently retired teacher for many years in the Pinellas school system, and her Uncle Frank Martin, former administrator at 16th Street Middle School. She said that the path to her goal was not easy, but she persevered. She attributes her success to faith in GOD.

The entire school community was impressed by the students' accomplishments. "It is a challenge to teach a child that has never been taught, and who is not expected to learn," Davis wants to inspire other

educators to step outside of the 8 to 3 time span that they spend with students. "I want other educators to go beyond the norm, and to truly love their students," she said. "I pray I can do right by my students, and I hope that I can inspire and challenge other teachers."



Larre' Davis

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At Clark Atlanta: Minister Farrakhan Questions Why He is Feared



Minister Louis Farrakhan

BY NISA ISLAM MUHAMMAD

ATLANTA (NNPA) - Nearly 30 years ago, Minister Louis Farrakhan was a frequent and highly sought after speaker on college campuses all across the country.

Then something happened. The invitations stopped coming.

An unofficial ban was put on Minister Farrakhan speaking on college campuses to large groups of students. What remained was the infrequent request for a smaller group or a private meeting.

That's what took place at Clark Atlanta University on Monday, Oct. 15. Student leaders from the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) and the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (NCOBRA) invited Farrakhan to speak to them while he was in Atlanta during the commemoration of the 12th Anniversary of the Historic Million Man March.

"It's been 28 years since I

was banned from HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities). I was banned because I could make a difference. Many of our schools are still plantations," he said with pain in his voice.

Farrakhan was received with a thunderous round of applause by a standing room only audience of more than 100 students and faculty from not only Clark Atlanta University, but Spelman and Morehouse, too.

He told the students about the time he was speaking in Baltimore, and NBA player Carmello Anthony came to visit him after the speech. Farrakhan

explained that Anthony was advised by the NBA Commissioner David Stern not to go and listen to the Minister's speech.

"Never do that again," Farrakhan said. "Mr. Stern has no authority to tell you who you should listen to. Mr. Stern would never allow anyone to tell his children who they could listen to. We are rich, but still enslaved...A rich piece of meat that they must keep in a perpetual state of bondage. What is it about Minister Farrakhan that is feared? Why am I feared? Because you are still on a plantation and you have a wicked slave-master."

MINISTER FARRAKHAN

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OPINION

The Klan and Far Right vs. Affirmative Action



BY HARRY C.
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"BEYOND THE
RHETORIC"

Racism continues to raise its ugly "head" in the midst of our political arena. Current events are creating a picture of strange bed-fellows.

The consummate Uncle Tom and Poster Boy for the libertarian movement, Wardell Connerly, has become a hero to the vile and evil organization known to all as the Ku Klux Klan. That's right. The Klan is starting to follow Wardell around the nation as he seeks to dismantle affirmative action, state by state. They follow him to cheer him on and to provide unsolicited assistance wherever and whenever they can. He has even stated that if they support his efforts that is fine with him. That speaks volumes as to his wickedness and anti-American values. Wardell does it for the money, regardless of the damage caused to minority and women communities, and the Klan does it to move its agenda of hatred and the destruction of people of color. They are a perfect match.

We, as a people and targeted

victims of the above, have been too polite and docile. Our defense has been pure reaction. We have got to take to the offensive with a vengeance reminiscent of the past Civil Rights Era. The Klan wants us dead and the libertarians want us to return to Jim Crow in a polite way. We need to make it very clear that those who plot such action will be confronted straight up.

The Klan's favorite recruiting ground is NASCAR racing events. The libertarians choose country clubs and right wing think tanks such as the Heritage Foundation and the Cato Institute. On the matter of civil rights there isn't too much difference between them and the Klan and we should from this point on lump both of them together.

Oh, how forgiving we are with Jack Kemp. That's the guy who claims to love blacks so much. When he ran on the Republican ticket for Vice President in 1996, he did an about face and supported the abolition of affirmative action at all levels.

He and Bob Dole, the presidential candidate, said they were going to do away with affirmative action. As his mate Bob Dole said, "It's a good wedge issue".

Why is this previous opponent

of affirmative action, i.e. the Civil Rights Act, on the Board of Trustees of Howard University? Are we nuts!!! His resignation should be demanded immediately. He isn't sincere and is, in fact, quite dangerous.

My brothers and sisters, there should be no more forgiveness and tolerance when it comes to the Civil Rights Act. Affirmative action is the driver of the Civil Rights Act and to do away with that would stop the effectiveness of this great act and product of our civil rights struggle.

We don't tolerate the Klan and shouldn't tolerate opponents of affirmative action. Consider them one and the same.

The greatest opportunity before us is the elections of 2008. We must have an acid test for all candidates: DO YOU SUPPORT AFFIRMATIVE ACTION? Each and every candidate must answer that question.

If the answer is "no", or if it is iffy than we must oppose that candidate regardless of all other matters and withdraw any support. We cannot vote for, contribute to or even passively ignore any candidate for whatever position. From President to school board seat, that question must be posed.

If the answer is negative or soft, we should lump the candidate with the Klan and crazy Wardell Connerly. They are no good for us, our communities or nation. Treat them like the Devil.

That devil wants to go back to the bad old days where lynchings were like fruit on the trees and institutional poverty was our destiny. Back of the bus, poor education, few and small jobs with no careers and advancement and no business development as scarce as a million dollar lottery ticket — that is what we refuse to go back to. So why are we silent and are rather docile about this?

The damage caused in California, Proposition 209, has been devastating to people of color and even white women. It's time to crush the anti-affirmative action sponsors — Ku Klux Klan, Wardell Connerly and the far right.

From here on out, let the opponents of affirmative action fall on their "swords." Affirmative action is necessary and is not going anywhere soon. Justice can deal with the Klan and we voters can deal with the far right.

Mr. Alford is the co-founder, President/CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc. Website: www.nationalbcc.org.

Ten Democrats Support Leslie Southwick



BY RON
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COLUMNIST

I watched C-SPAN on the night of October 22 as the Congressional Black Caucus, led by Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones of Ohio, rallied against the Senate nomination of Mississippi Judge Leslie Southwick to the 5th Circuit located in the Southern states where the black population is 37 percent black.

For years, blacks have sought to have a black appointed to this Circuit Court which has traditionally been reserved for Mississippians.

But the Representative from Mississippi, Bennie Thompson, led off the discussion and made a pointed reference to the fact that the Democratic Senator from California, Diane Feinstein, was the swing vote to confirm Southwick as a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, in the 10-9 vote that went to the floor. Perhaps the Caucus knew that something was up because the next day, ten Democrats voted with the Republicans (59-38) to confirm Southwick's nomination for a lifetime appointment to the Federal bench.

This vote was important for George Bush's nominee because it continues to solidify conservative control of a federal court where blacks have historically been vigorously discriminated against. For example, if the case of the Jena 6 was to make it to the Federal court, it could be heard in the 5th Circuit.

In any case, he was opposed because in 1998, he joined a ruling in a case of employment discrimination where a white state employee was fired for calling an African American a "good ole Nigger." The State Supreme Court unanimously reversed his decision. Then, in a gender-based decision, Southwick joined a ruling in family court to take a child away from her mother because she was living in a lesbian relationship. But he was said to have gone further by confirming the right of Mississippi under a state's right conception of federalism, to treat gay persons as second-class citizens. Then, Southwick consistently upheld the practice by attorneys of striking blacks from jury polls in clear violation of Supreme Court decisions that it violated equal protection of black defendants. Finally, Southwick consistently ruled in the interest of businesses in contests

with consumers.

On the other hand, if anyone wonders why the Republicans, now in the minority, have been able to exercise power is that they are disciplined. They moved in lockstep discipline with nine solid votes in the Judiciary Committee vote, and when the vote came up on the floor of the Senate for full vote, there was not one Republican defection.

Democrats however, are far less unified, as it has already been mentioned that Diane Feinstein defected in the Committee vote, but when the vote came up in the full Senate, ten Democrats defected. They were: Akaka (Hawaii), Byrd (W. Va.), Conrad (N.D.), Dorgan (N.D.), Feinstein (Calif.), Johnson (S.D.), Lieberman (Independent — Conn.), Lincoln (Ark.), Nelson (Neb.), and Pryor (Ark.).

As can be seen, Feinstein kept to her original position, and she was joined by other Senators where the black population was nearly nonexistent except for Arkansas where it is still small. Nevertheless, there were also three Democratic Senators who did not vote: Barbara Boxer (Calif.), Chris Dodd (Conn.) and Ted Kennedy (Mass). That makes 13 potential Democratic leaning votes (including

Lieberman) who voted with the Republicans for Southwick in a vote (59-38) where he could have been defeated. Then why would Chris Dodd, who is running for the Democratic nomination for President and asking blacks for their votes, not vote in this crucial nomination?

Otherwise, I think that whenever Diane Feinstein runs, she should be dead in the water for black support; throw in Chris Dodd's current presidential bid, and include no black support for the two senators from Arkansas as well.

Unless thousands move to North and South Dakota and Hawaii our attitude won't make much difference, but these senators have a way of coming up for positions in the Democratic party and for special favors if a Democrat wins the White House. Blacks should have a long, long memory in this respect.

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LOCAL NEWS

Finding Holiday Gifts That Say Something Special

(StatePoint) Sometimes it seems the stress of holiday shopping can turn the spirit of giving into anything but holiday joy. Don't let that happen this year.

According to a recent "Staples State of Holiday Gift-Giving Survey," half of holiday shoppers said purchasing gifts had become boring, and a whopping 87 percent anticipated receiving a traditional or expected present. But, the gift giving experts at Things Remembered say gift giving can be both fun and memorable.

"It's important to remember that gifts are an expression of the bond between two people or two sets of loved ones," says Amy Myers, Things Remembered associate vice president of marketing. "Before shopping, take a little time to think about your loved one's interests and personality and what you want to say through your gift. Tailoring a gift to the recipient's hobbies, and personalizing it with a special message, ensures it'll be remembered long after the holidays end."

For more than forty years, Things Remembered has helped consumers celebrate life's moments by incorporating special meaning into great gifts. This holiday season the experts at Things Remembered suggest keeping these helpful tips in tow when setting off on your quest

for the perfect gift:

* Do your homework. Jot down ideas throughout the year when friends and family mention something that caught their attention.

* Prepare a budget. It's okay to stray a little from your estimate, but if you splurge on everyone, you'll quickly find yourself in a hole.

* If you're participating in a gift exchange, make sure you adhere to the spending limit. It'll keep everyone happy in the end.

* Take a gift list with you. It's a great way to keep track of for whom and what you are shopping.

* Think about the recipient's hobbies and personality. For example, for the football fan, Things Remembered offers a history of sports money clip that unfolds to reveal the winners of every Super Bowl. For a mom who loves showing off her family, the retailer is offering a variety of decorative family trees and a new family tree locket, all of which have spaces for multiple photos.

* Make the gift personal with a special engraving, and don't just stop at names — add a special memory, a favorite line from a movie or poem, or an inspirational quote. Don't be shy about turning to others for ideas. For instance, Things Remembered can personalize all of your favorite gifts — no

matter where you purchased them — and help you develop your special message.

* When personalizing or engraving gifts, double check spelling. Write down names before you leave the house, and call to verify spellings if you're unsure.

* Don't forget presentation. How you present the gift is as much a reflection as the gift itself. Many retailers offer decorative boxes, bows and cards to help your gifts stand out.

* Keep gifts a surprise by having them shipped to work or to a friend's house. If you send a gift to your office, make sure to first clear the delivery with your boss.

* Keep receipts. Not only will this help you keep track of how much you spent, saving receipts ensures you can return a gift if something better catches your eye or if your recipient needs to make a switch.

"Above all, remember the spirit of the season, and take pleasure in giving gifts. It's the thought and the personalization — what you say to the recipient — that makes your gift memorable," added Myers.

For more ideas regarding personalized gifts that say something special, during the holidays or other memorable events during the year, visit www.ThingsRemembered.com

Popular 5K And One-Mile Event Benefits Cancer Research

TAMPA— Miles for Moffitt at USF will be known as Bank of St. Petersburg Miles for Moffitt at the University of South Florida for the next three years. The multi-year title sponsorship by Bank of St. Petersburg was announced today by Karen Dalton, chairman of the event that, is entering its third year.

"We are pleased to make Bank of St. Petersburg part of our race name," said Mrs. Dalton, who is the Miles for Moffitt founder and wife of William S. Dalton, Moffitt President/CEO and Center Director. "Robert Rothman, vice chairman of Bank of St. Petersburg, has deep roots in this community and has served on our board of directors and been a strong ally of Moffitt for many years."

As the title supporter, "Bank of St. Petersburg is demonstrating how strongly the organization feels about advancing Moffitt's mission, which is 'to contribute to the prevention and cure of cancer,'" she said.

In addition to its financial support, the bank will play an active role in promoting the race, including making its seven Bay Area branches official sites for race information and regis-

tration. As a subsidiary of the statewide bank holding company Florida Bank Group, Bank of St. Petersburg will be joined by its sister banks in Tallahassee, Jacksonville and Ponte Vedra Beach creating an additional five branches for race promotion across the state.

"We strongly support the Moffitt mission and began a relationship with the cancer center in 2006 as our designated Community Partner," said Katie Pemble, Bank of St. Petersburg president and CEO. "It is our privilege at this time to deepen both our financial commitment and our level of employee involvement to help make this one of the premier races in the state."

Mrs. Dalton created Miles for Moffitt in 2006 to help celebrate Moffitt's 20 years in the community and as an opportunity for Bay Area residents to support Moffitt in a fun, affordable event that has a health benefit.

The 2008 event is a 5K and one-mile walk/run starting Saturday, May 10 starting at 7:30 a.m. at the USF Sun Dome. The event includes kids' events, Health Fair sponsored by Moffitt and USF College of Public Health, Survivor

Celebration of Life and an awards presentation. New this year is a \$2,500 purse to be divided between the race's fastest runners.

Since its founding two years ago, with SunTrust Bank as the first title sponsor, Miles for Moffitt doubled its number of participants to 2,400 and has raised more than \$125,000 for cancer research at Moffitt. Race sponsorship chairperson is Priscilla Mack, wife of Moffitt Board Chairman Senator Connie Mack.

Because of the Bank of St. Petersburg and other event sponsors, 100 percent of participants' entry fees benefit Moffitt's cancer research. Media sponsors include News Channel 8, The Tampa Tribune, Tampa Bay's Q-105 and WQYK.

An added feature in 2008 is an eight-week clinic being held Saturdays at Moffitt starting March 15 in cooperation with The YMCA. For \$30, participants can register and train for the race and learn about cancer prevention and how to lead a healthy lifestyle.

Clinic and race registration sites and information will be made available soon at www.milesformoffitt.com or by calling 813-745-1346.

Area Students To Show Their Surrealist Skills

ST. PETERSBURG — For the 23rd consecutive year, the Salvador Dalí Museum in St. Petersburg is proud to present the Student Surrealist Art Exhibit, an annual, juried exhibition of artwork produced by Pinellas County middle and high school art students from private and public schools. The exhibition will open at the Salvador Dalí Museum on Friday, Nov. 23 and run through Jan. 21, 2008.

The theme, "Surrealism, Dreams and Fantasy," invites students to explore their imagination and challenge their creativity using concepts, themes and methods similar to Dalí and his surrealist contemporaries. Sponsored by Dalí Museum Trustee Sonya Miller, the juried exhibit includes 100 works, produced in various media including oils, pastels, photography, and computer graphics and allows the Dalí Museum to recognize and celebrate the talent of both

Pinellas County art students and their teachers

Divided evenly between middle and high schools, 18 award winners are chosen, six each for excellence, merit and honorable mention. The awards will be presented at a reception at the museum on Tuesday, November 27, at 6:30 p.m.

"The Dalí Museum values its role as a place for both inspiration and celebration," said Hank Hine, Dalí Museum Executive Director. "The level of artistic achievement by the students of this community has always been remarkable. By providing the resource of the best work of the past together with an exhibition space for tomorrow's artists, the Dalí Museum contributes to the sense of continuity and hopefulness of this community."

Art education has always been a main focus of the Dalí Museum and its staff works closely with teachers to bolster

their art-related lesson plans. More than 10,000 area students visit for free each year and a successful teacher's guide is available online for any teacher.

This year, through a partnership with the Pinellas County Schools Visual Arts department, the museum will be taking its show on the road via the Dalí Art Mobile. The new art classroom on wheels will provide all K-5th grade students with an in-depth Dalí Museum experience.

The Salvador Dalí Museum, which holds the pre-eminent collection of this artist's work, is sponsored in part by the City of St. Petersburg, the Pinellas County Cultural Council, the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, and the Florida Arts Council.

For more information about the Salvador Dalí Museum, please call (800) 442-3254 or visit the Museum web site at www.salvadoralimuseum.org.

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LOCAL NEWS

KIDS CORNER

Hello Readers,

Are you struggling with being a responsible, organized student? Well, I have had a few problems with this and thought I would share some tips that I used to help get organized.

I discovered that in order to be a responsible student, I must organize myself. Here are some survival tips I use to help me become a more responsible, and organized student: 1) Always keep important papers together and in a folder that is labeled so that when these things are needed, they can be found. 2) Make sure when you do your homework, that you place it back into the proper folder and in your backpack, and not beside it. If you do not put it inside your backpack, you could forget it

when you go to school, and cause you to receive a bad grade for your homework. 3) Make sure before you leave your classroom, that you have your homework assignment and know what is expected to be done on that assignment. This is important because if you don't write down what is expected you may not complete the assignment correctly. 4) Create a calendar with your assignments and project due dates. This calendar will help you be aware of important deadlines, and help you use your time wisely.

I hope these tips help you become a more responsible and organized student. If you have any helpful tips that you would like to share with our readers please write me.



Treniece Green
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Street North. The bazaar features a variety of hand-crafted items, one-of-a-kind decorations, art to wear, home decor and gifts for the holidays.

The event is free and open to the public. Rain date will be Sunday, November 18, 2007. For more information, call 727-551-3272.

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Enacted by Congress in 1975, with strong bi-partisan support, and expanded through the years, the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) lifts more American children from poverty than any other government program. Research studies indicate that EITC is

more effective at enhancing economic success than the enactment of a living wage. Yet each year, millions of EITC dollars go unclaimed by eligible low- and moderate-income working families and individuals because they are not aware of the credit or do not file a tax return.

Another stunning revelation from the analysis is the fact that of the small percentage claiming EITC, 46% are paying to have their taxes prepared and are using rapid refund loans. These loans come at a steep price, with high fees and extremely high interest rates; people are, in effect, throwing away their hard-earned money in order to receive money a little sooner than they would by going to

one of the free tax preparation sites throughout Pinellas County.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites electronically file returns. Tax payers may choose to use direct deposit, which means that refunds are available within 10 days to 2 weeks.

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LOCAL NEWS

St. Petersburg League of Women Voters International Relations Forum

ST. PETERSBURG - "Central Asia: Three Power Resource Rivalry" is the topic of a free public discussion scheduled for Monday, November 26, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. at Pinellas Park Public Library, 7770 52nd Street North, Pinellas Park, FL.

The subject is one of a series of foreign policy discussion forums during 2007, based on the Great Decisions program of the Foreign Policy Association. The Association is the United States' oldest organization founded to provide citizen education in world affairs. The meeting on November 26 is a project of the Joint International Relations Committee of the League of Women Voters of the St. Petersburg Area (LWVSPA) and the League of Women Voters of North Pinellas County (LWVNPC). Earlier sessions have focused on South Africa, Mexico, the Middle East, world migration, and global warming.

The November 26 program will explore Central Asia, a landlocked and sparsely populated region to the southeast of Russia; north of Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and

India; and west of China. The area is larger than the whole of Western Europe and has for centuries been the center of disputes and wars for control over the ethnically diverse people of the area. The countries that comprise Central Asia are Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

In recent years, the region has become more strategically important globally because of its oil and gas reserves. Other natural resources include uranium and gold. China, Russia, and the United States are the three nations competing with one another for access to and control of the areas oil, gas, and other resources.

Joe Wells, International Relations Committee Co-Chair, will introduce the subject and lead the discussion.

For more information on this program, call 727-519-3724 or 727-724-6409. For information on benefits of membership in the League of Women Voters of the St. Petersburg Area, contact lwvspa@verizon.net or call 727-896-5197.

Stetson Invites Prospective Law Students To Attend Information Day

GULFPORT - Stetson University College of Law invites prospective law students to its annual Law School Information Day from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17 at 1401 61st St. S. in Gulfport.

The program features a simulated law class, faculty-led seminars, campus tours, and information about law school admissions and financial aid for law school. Prospective students can also learn more about Stetson's part-time law programs, international study abroad programs its award-winning trial and moot court teams.

"Law Day is an opportunity for prospective law school students to get an overview of

both law school and the Stetson experience," said Laura Zuppo, director of admissions. "Prospective students can learn more about the legal field and law school. They can experience a mock first-year class, learn what it is like to be a law student, meet faculty members and take tours of campus with current students."

Last year's event drew more than 300 people from across the state and nation to Stetson's Gulfport campus.

To learn more and to register for this free event, please visit Stetson online at www.law.stetson.edu/admissions/lawschoolinformation-day.asp. The deadline to register is Nov. 12.

Discover an Endless Supply of Fun in December at Heritage Village



Kwanzaa display at Heritage Village

LARGO - Begin the holiday season with a free Trees & Traditions celebration Saturday, Dec. 1, at Heritage Village in Largo. The Village comes alive with beautifully decorated historical homes just in time for holiday celebrations. Visitors are welcome to begin seasonal shopping at the Heritage Village Gift Shop located in the 1939 Madeira Beach cottage. Also in December, a basketweaving class is offered. Hands-on history programs for children are scheduled along with the Living History Winter Break Camp.

To register for fee-based

programs, call (727) 582-2426 or e-mail heritagevillage@pinellascounty.org. Pinellas County Historical Society members receive discount on fee-based programs.

Discover the art of making baskets Thursday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at A Tisket, A Tasket, Weave Yourself a Basket workshop. Instructors Diane Frederick and Angela Jones help participants create a basket while learning basic and intermediate skills. Fee charged; pre-paid registration is required. Call (727) 582-2426.

Little ones and their parents or grandparents can explore

hands-on history Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., during the Preschool Village Ramblers club. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 - I Caught a Fish Alive! includes circle time, an historic home tour and story time. Join living history interpreters in the exploration of an early morning homestead. Pre-paid registration is required. Call (727) 582-2426.

Children ages 5 to 11 can learn about life along the coast Saturday, Dec. 8, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Doodlebugs club. The two-hour Clickety, Clack Down the Track - Old Florida Travel program includes living history activities, a targeted tour, story time and a craft. A take-home activity to share with the family is part of the fun too. Prepaid registration is required. Call (727) 582-2426.

Home schooled children ages 5 to 11 learn about the past at the Clickety, Clack Down the Track - Old Florida Travel program Thursday, Dec. 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Home School History Adventures. The two-hour themed program

includes living history activities, a targeted tour, story time and a craft. Something to share and do at home is provided too. Prepaid registration is required. Call (727) 582-2426.

Children ages 5 to 11 can sign up for the Living History Winter Break Holiday Camp to start Dec. 26, 27, 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children explore the past at the "Shiver Me Timbers" camp and have fun making and finding historical treasures of Pinellas coastal living. Week two continues with Pioneer Winter on Jan. 2, 3 and 4. Prepaid registration required. Call (727) 582-2426.

Heritage Village, operated by Pinellas County government, is a 21-acre living history museum, located at 11909 125th Street North in Largo, adjacent to Pinellas County Extension, the Florida Botanical Gardens and the Gulf Coast Museum of Art.

For more information, contact Heritage Village at (727) 582-2123 or visit the Heritage Village website at www.pinellascounty.org/Heritage.

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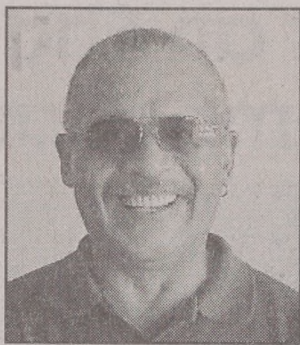
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Rick Gee's JAZZ JAMMIN'

"Misery Enjoyed!"



Paul in Annie's bedroom with two broken legs

How does one enjoy "Misery"? By attending the play presented by the Asolo Repertory Theatre of Sarasota as I did last week.

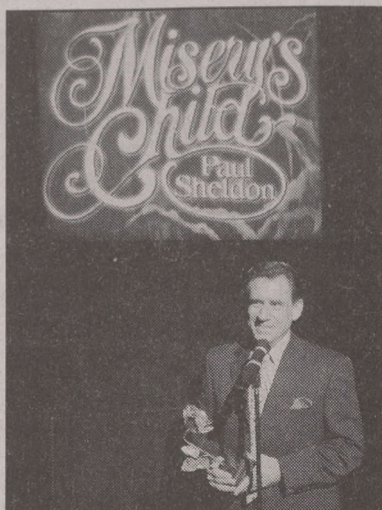
Many years ago, I saw the movie, starring Hollywood actress Kathy Bates in the role of psychotic "Annie Wilkes," and actor James Caan playing the celebrated author "Paul Sheldon." The movie shot Bates into stardom, bringing her an Oscar for Best Actress.

Remembering just how good the movie was, I could not

imagine how the stage production could possibly fare well against it. But, much to my surprise it did. I enjoyed every moment of the play. As was the movie, the play was taken from a book written by Stephen King, known for his horror novels. It was adapted to this stage by Simon Moore, and features actors David Breitbarth and Devora Millman in the roles of Paul Sheldon and Annie Wilkes, respectively. Superb acting coupled with fabulous stage scenery, extraordinary sound and

special effects gives one the feeling of being part of what is happening. Except for the first and last scenes, which take place at the Annual Romantic Fiction Awards, the bulk of the play takes place in Annie Wilkes' bedroom.

The play begins with Paul receiving a prestigious award for writing. He then attempts to drive through a snow storm to reach a remote hotel in Colorado. There he plans to write his next novel, which he believes will be his literary masterpiece. But, before he reaches the hotel, he wrecks his car. When he gains consciousness, he finds himself with two broken legs in Annie's bedroom, where she brought him after finding him in the wrecked vehicle. It's all downhill for Paul from then on, but entertaining for the audience. Coincidentally, recluse Annie is a huge fan of Sheldon's "Misery" novels, and reads the new one while Paul is convalescing. She becomes extremely upset when she learns that the main character, Misery, is killed off, and does not take it lightly. A "roller-coaster," "cat



Opening scene of "Misery"

and mouse" game begins when Annie decides to force Paul to write a new Misery novel in order to bring the main character back to life. Paul must now calm down the oftentimes enraged Annie and survive her terror. Until the end of the play, I sat at the edge of my seat holding onto each of Annie's threats and lamenting what seemed to be for Paul, an irresolvable dilemma.

The Asolo Repertory Theatre is considered to be the premier professional theatre of the State of Florida, and one of the most important cultural forces in the Southeastern United States.

Congratulations go out to director Seth Barrish and his creative team who helped to bring this fine production of "Misery" to the stage. This spine tingling thriller will run until December 9, 2007. For information: (941) 351-8000 or (800) 361-8388 or visit their web site at www.asolo.org.

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RICK GEE continued from Front Page



Howard University Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony (left to right): Yvonne Alsup, Rick Gee, Steve Gaymon, Gina Gee, Tammee Alsup-Gaymon, Arillian Navy, and Harold Navy.

Center, as well as Saturday's Hall of Fame football game at Greene Stadium.

Friday's induction was hosted by one of the most respected sports anchors in the Washington area, Glenn Harris, a fellow alumni and Hall of Fame member. With NEWSCHANNEL 8's "Sports Talk" host Harris presiding, the Welcome was given by Bison Express President Paul Cotton, Ph.D.; and traditional songs were played by Howard's "Showtime" Marching Band.

"As we celebrate these great athletes and outstanding alumni, we are once again reminded of the strength of the human spirit and the power of the will to win," said Cotton. "Also, we are once again

reminded of what can be achieved when we reach for the best in ourselves."

Although Howard unfortunately lost to South Carolina State during Saturday's game, the profound spirit of the weekend was not forgotten. During half-time, those who were recognized during Friday's induction ceremony were again honored, as they had the distinction of walking out onto the field and being introduced to the crowd.

"The whole weekend was such a great celebration," said Gee, who was surrounded by his family and about 20 friends.

A Newark, NJ native, it was Gee's mother who encouraged, and taught him how to start

swimming. At age six, he got started, and never stopped. Gee attended Camp Downingtown in Pennsylvania, where the counselors recognized his innate talent and helped him perfect his skills. He set and broke records in Newark, and focused on freestyle swimming at Newark's Central High School.

In his four years at Howard University, he won every 50-yard conference and 100-yard freestyle race, and served as team captain for three years. As a competitor for the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA), his final meet was another record-breaker: Gee was the only swimmer at the event to win three titles (the 50-yard freestyle, the

100-yard freestyle and the 200-yard backstroke). For his achieve-

ments, Howard University honored Gee with their highest award, that of the "White Blazer."

He earned his Master's from the Graduate School of Credit and Finance of Williams College in 1977.

"When you have a goal in mind, nothing is difficult to accomplish," noted Gee.

In 1996, he was honored for his many achievements in swimming when he was inducted into the Newark Athletic Hall of Fame. His mother, Rosalie, affectionately known as "Rose," and her twin sister, Ozzalie, were both in attendance for the ceremony.

Howard University's Hall of Fame induction ceremony was a chance for Gee to express words of appreciation for his mother, along with those who supported him along the way. Gee remarked: "She has since passed, several years ago, but I want to thank my mother for teaching me how to swim. ... And I want to thank friends of mine from the University, who supported me."

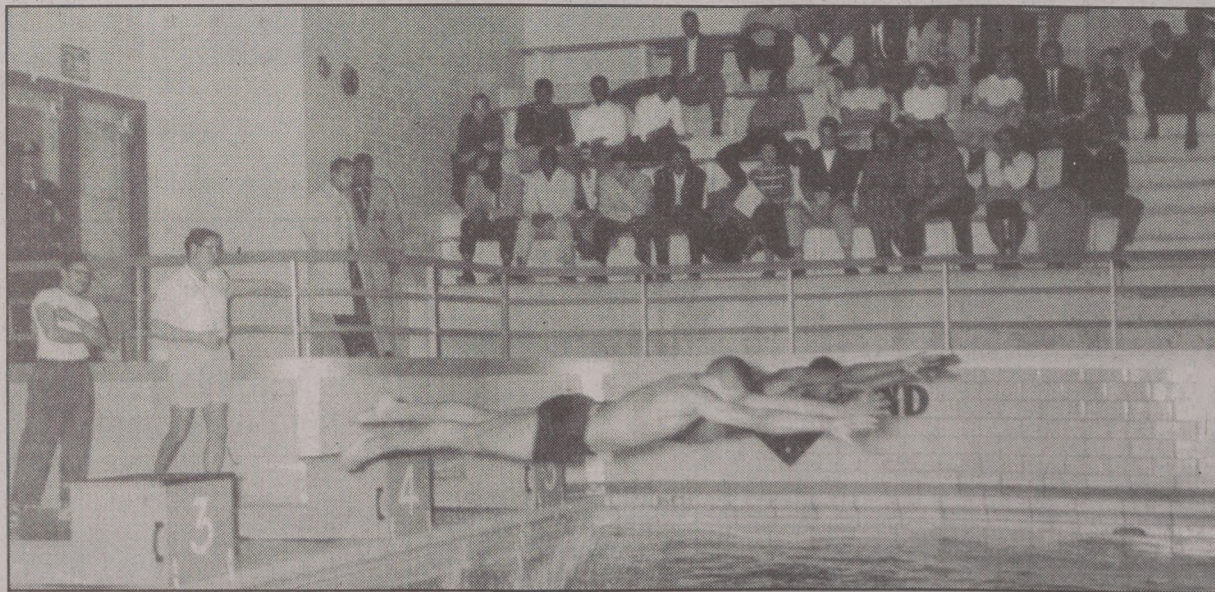
"I also want to give thanks to those who support me today," continued Gee, naming his daughter Gina and girlfriend Yvonne Alsup among his loved ones, happily sitting in the

audience.

Including Gee, inductees honored over the weekend included: James Baynes (baseball); Breshawn Harris (volleyball); Coach Thomas Hart, Ed.D.; F. Douglass Lewis, Jr. (Tae Kwon Do); Tony Mack (wrestling); Coach William Moultrie; Keith Napier (football); Coach Yohnnie Shambourger; and Kialyn Walker-Thrower (volleyball).

In addition to the Hall of Fame ceremony, Howard University took the time to recognize their "Buffalo Soldiers" - individuals selected by the Board of Directors for their contributions to the University, to athletics, and to the community. The 2007 Buffalo Soldier awardees included former professional football player Billy Jenkins; Howard instructor Michael Smith; and Civil Rights Freedom Rider and entrepreneur Henry "Hank" Thomas.

For Gee, it is a well-earned, well-learned life that is filled with countless moments of appreciation and reflection. Stroke for stroke and note for note, he truly embodies the skill and determination of a modern-day renaissance man.



Howard swim meet at Morgan State, 1953

FAMILY AND PARENTING

Ten Things Parents Can Do To Keep Teen Drivers Safe

(SPM Wire) Getting the keys to the family car - or better still, a car of their own - can be one of the biggest things in the lives of most teenagers. For their parents, however, it can be a source of worry. There are many things parents of teen drivers can do to improve their teens' safety behind the wheel.

"Parents can have a tremendous impact on their teens' safety," said Robert L. Darbelnet, President and CEO of AAA, which has created a list of ten things parents can do to help keep teen drivers safe:

*** Know and understand your teen.** Not all teens are ready to drive at the same age. Teenagers mature, develop emotionally, and become responsible at varying intervals, which parents need to gauge as they determine when their teen is ready to drive.

*** Be a positive and responsible role model.** Teenagers learn from their parents' behavior. Research has found that, when using collisions and traffic tickets as criteria, parents of teens involved in crashes were more likely to have poor driving records than parents of collision-free teens.

*** Choose a quality driving school.** Driving is a risky activity for teens, and warrants professional instruction. Driving schools that feature cutting-edge

curriculums, high degrees of interaction and professionally-trained instructors are suggested.

*** Practice might not make perfect, but it can make for better teen drivers.** As an important supplement to formal driver education, supervised driving sessions with parents provide teens with opportunities to enhance learning, reinforce proper techniques and skills, and receive constructive feedback from the people that care most about their safety.

*** Keep teen drivers free of teen passengers and off the road at night.** Research indicates that a teen driver's chances of crashing increase with each additional teen passenger. Know who is driving with your teen at all times. Teen crash rates spike at night, with most crashes happening between 9 p.m. and midnight.

*** Encourage teens to get enough sleep.** Teens need about nine hours of sleep nightly, but many fall short. Lack of sleep can negatively affect vision, hand-eye coordination, reaction time and judgment.

*** Eliminate distractions.** Cell phones and text messaging can be hazardous. With surveys reporting widespread use of distracting technology by teen drivers, more than one-third of states ban cell phone use by new teen drivers.

*** Create a parent-teen driving agreement.** Written rules, conditions, restrictions and consequences of teens' driving establish driving as a privilege, and not to be taken lightly. Look to state graduated driver licensing programs as the minimum. Parents should establish rules and consequences that they and their teens agree upon that extend beyond state laws. Proper driving should be encouraged and rewarded with additional liberties. AAA offers parent-teen driving agreements at www.aaa.com/publicaffairs.

*** Set a time for weekly discussion and review.** Parental involvement and communication is critical in the prevention of teen-related crashes, injuries and fatalities. Designate a time each week to address concerns, review the teen's driving performance and chart the progression towards established goals.

*** Make smart vehicle choice decisions for teens.** As the family member most likely to crash, a teen should drive the safest vehicle the family owns. Things to consider are vehicle type (sedans are generally safer than sports cars, SUVs and trucks), size (larger vehicles fare better in crashes than smaller vehicles) and safety technology (front and side air bags, anti-lock brakes and stability control systems).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Saturday, Nov. 10 - The Hospice St. Pete Stroll. The Pier, 800 2nd Ave. N.E., 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Take a leisurely stroll along the waterfront. Registration at 8 a.m. Go to www.thehospice.org or call 727-586-4432 for information.

Saturday, Nov. 10 - African American Health Forum. Johnnie Ruth Clarke Center, 1344 22nd St. S. Breast cancer awareness walk 6:30 a.m. Community forum, health screenings and activities 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. 727-821-6701.

Wednesday, Nov. 14 and Thursday, Nov. 15 - 6th Annual Senior Friendly Extravaganza. Tropicana Field, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 250 exhibitors featuring information on senior services, lifestyles, health and wellness, travel and more. Lots of musical entertainment with a special appearance by Frankie Avalon and celebrate 50 years of American Bandstand with music from doo-wop to Elvis. Fitness icon, Richard Simmons warms up the crowd at the Senior Fitness Walk. Car show, magic, cutiest grandkids photo contest, bingo, arts & crafts, prizes, food and product samplings. Free admission and parking. www.srmagazine.com or 727-595-5455.

Saturday, Nov. 17 - Fire Station Open House. Lakewood Station #11, 5150 31st

St. S. 9 a.m. to noon. A celebration of the Fire & Rescue 100 year anniversary; meet your local firefighters, get a close look at the trucks, take a tour of the station and ring the 100 year old bell. Free. 727-893-7218.

Saturday, Nov. 17 - National Council of Negro Women, (NCNW) general body meeting, 9:30 a.m.- Fannye A. Ponder Council House 1835 9th Avenue S.

Saturday, Nov. 17 - The Gulfport Merchants Association presents over 30 artisans, crafters, authors and entertainers who display and sell their unique objects along Beach Blvd. Live entertainment can be heard throughout Gulfport's waterfront art district. Join them from 6 - 10 p.m. on the Third Saturday Art Walk, 3129 Beach Blvd. S., Gulfport. Call 727-322-5217 for more information.

Wednesday, Nov. 28 - Florida Republican Presidential Debate - Progress Energy Center for the Arts at Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st St. S. 7 to 9 p.m. The Republican Party of Florida, CNN, and YouTube will partner to produce a historic debate between the Republican presidential candidates. Live broadcast on CNN and CNN En Espanol, moderated by Anderson Cooper. By invitation only. Go to www.rpof.org, www.mahaffeytheater.com or call 727-893-7465 for information.

Friday, Nov. 30 - World AIDS Day. Williams Park, 2nd Ave. N. and 3rd St. N. Noon to 4 p.m. Health fair and prevention education. Hepatitis, HIV testing, general health screenings and flu shots will be available. Free. www.pinellascounty.org or 727-824-6964.

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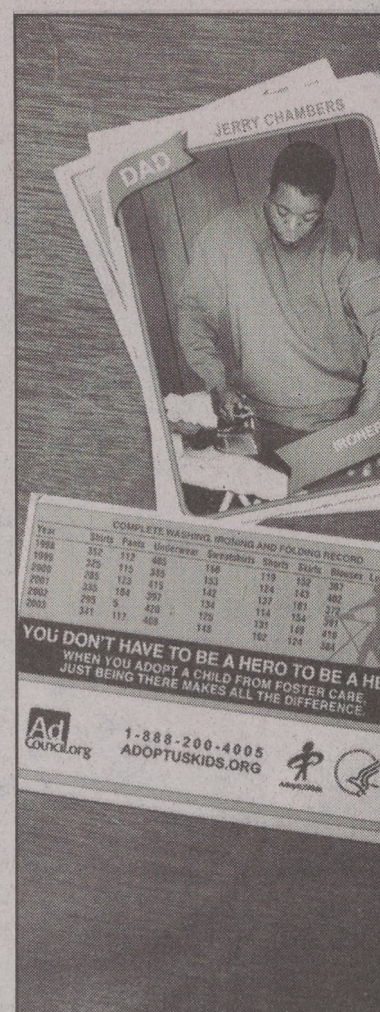
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Buccaneers Defense Keys 17-10 Victory Over Cardinals



Derrick Brooks

BY FRED GOODALL

TAMPA (AP) - An old, trusty ally has shown up in support of Tampa Bay's bid to get back to the playoffs.

Stingy defense was the team's hallmark for most of the past decade, and it was the key Sunday as the Buccaneers surpassed their victory total for last season with a

17-10 win over the Arizona Cardinals.

Jeff Garcia threw a 37-yard touchdown pass to Joey Galloway, while Earnest Graham scored on a 2-yard run and had his first 100-yard rushing performance as a pro for the Bucs (5-4), whose 4-12 record a year ago was the franchise's worst since 1991.

In addition to Tanard Jackson's second-quarter interception, which set up a field goal, the Bucs defense limited the Cardinals to one first down and 78 yards total offense in the opening half.

Arizona, averaging 337.3 yards per game, finished with a season-low 195 but still had a chance to force overtime when Kurt Warner trotted onto the field following a Tampa Bay punt with 2:39 to go.

The hopes for a comeback ended when Warner's deep sideline throw was intercepted near midfield by Jermaine Phillips, who appeared to only get one foot down before going out of bounds.

The Cardinals (3-5) were out of time outs, though, and couldn't challenge the play.

Graham, who became the starter because of injuries to Carnell "Cadillac" Williams and Michael Pittman, rushed for 124 yards on 34 carries to help the Bucs offense dominate time of possession.

Tampa Bay had the ball for more than 13 minutes of the third quarter, but wasted an opportunity to put the game out of reach when a

19-play, 86-yard drive that lasted almost 12 minutes resulted in a 26-yard missed field goal.

Warner drove the Cardinals 80 yards to trim Arizona's deficit to 17-10 on Edgerrin James' 3-yard run with 7:30 left. Arizona got the ball back two more times, but was unable to mount a threat.

While the Cardinals believe their record doesn't reflect how well they've played the first half of the season, they began the day leading the NFL in penalties and penalty yards and had also turned the ball over eight times in losses to Carolina and Washington in their previous two games.

Galloway's TD reception gave the Bucs a 7-3 lead, and Jackson's interception and a subsequent 15-yard face mask penalty that gave Tampa Bay the ball at the Cardinals 17 set up Matt Bryant's 32-yard field goal to make it 10-3.

The Cardinals, meanwhile, went six possessions without a first down after Warner's 47-yard completion to Larry Fitzgerald led to a 47-yard field goal that Neil Rackers converted less than three minutes into the game.

Arizona went three-and-out on five of those possessions, and Jackson's interception ended the other. The Cardinals have not scored a touchdown in the first quarter this season.

Warner completed 10 of 30 passes for 172 yards and two interceptions, however the Cardinals only ran for 23 yards on 12 carries. Fitzgerald had four catches for 95 yards, while Anquan Boldin was limited to 40 yards on three receptions.

The Bucs controlled the ball for just over 43 minutes, running 77 offensive plays to Arizona's 42.

Garcia, rebounding from throwing his first three interceptions of the season during a one-point loss to Jacksonville, was 18-of-28 for 196 yards. Ike Hillard had seven catches for 70 yards, and Galloway had five for 84 yards.

The Bucs have a bye this week.

Florida's Harvin Turns Heads, Makes History Against Vandy



Percy Harvin

BY MARK LONG

GAINESVILLE (AP) - Florida quarterback Tim Tebow sometimes gets in trouble when he hands off to Percy Harvin.

Tebow is supposed to give the ball to Harvin, then finish the play by faking a run or simulating a pass. At times, though, Tebow gets caught watching his dynamic teammate.

Few could blame him for staring

Saturday.

Harvin ran 11 times for 113 yards and two touchdowns in a 49-22 victory against Vanderbilt. He also caught nine passes for 110 yards, becoming the first player in school history to have 100 yards rushing and receiving in the same game.

"He's naturally gifted at playing football," Tebow said. "God gave him the ability to make people miss that he didn't give a lot of other people."

Harvin proved to be the best player on the field against the Commodores, something that has become a trend for the Gators. The speedy receiver emerged as Florida's top playmaker last season, but coaches were concerned about giving him the ball too often because they didn't want to wear him down or get him hurt.

They have since softened that stance. Why? Well, No. 17 Florida (6-3, 4-3 Southeastern Conference) lost three of four games, Tebow bruised his non-throwing shoulder and starting tailback Kestahn Moore struggled to hold the ball.

"This is it. There's no tomorrow," coach Urban Meyer said. "We're in November, fighting for our lives in the SEC, so do what you've got to do."

And that means riding Harvin.

Although Meyer said Sunday that Tebow avoided taking any hits on his bruised right shoulder against Vanderbilt and should be close to 100 percent next week at South Carolina, he expects Harvin to get about 20 touches a game the rest of the way.

"The biggest thing I see about our offense is when Percy Harvin is in that backfield it opens up the inside run, the outside run, the play-action game because the threat is real," Meyer said. "And also the threat is in Tebow running the ball. And that's exactly where we want to be, have a legitimate threat in the backfield and also a quarterback and great passing game."

Harvin has 54 carries for 442 yards and four touchdowns this season, averaging 8.2 yards a carry. He also has a team-high 45 receptions for 714 yards and three scores.

He had 855 total yards and five touchdowns last year.

The only athlete in Virginia high school history to win five gold medals at a state track meet, Harvin was hindered by his speed earlier this season.

He was outrunning blockers, trying to beat defenders to the sideline, missing cutback lanes and sometimes even slipping because he couldn't control his body.

Harvin corrected the problems, he simply slowed down, after a conversation and some film study with running backs coach Stan Drayton.

"A lot of times I go too fast and outrun my blocking," Harvin said. "I just tried to slow down and read my blocks. I saw plays where I missed a block or like last year I was falling down. I had to slow down and read the blocks and know when to turn it on."

Harvin turned it on against Vandy.

He wove through the defense for an 18-yard touchdown that made it 14-0 in the first quarter and added a 13-yarder that extended the lead to 49-16 early in the fourth. In between TD runs, Harvin nearly gained more yards than Vanderbilt's entire team.

"That's a very good defense, and a lot of that was well-blocked and a lot of that was on his own," Meyer said. "He's got as good a first step as there is in the game of college football."

Win At BC Sets Up Florida State's Visit To Virginia Tech

BY BRENT KALLESTAD

TALLAHASSEE (AP) - Bobby Bowden couldn't have picked a better gift for his upcoming 78th birthday than Saturday night's win over previously second-ranked Boston College.

But the venerable Florida State coach, who will observe that birthday Thursday, won't have a lot of time to celebrate.

Instead, it's off to Virginia Tech where the 11th-ranked Hokies are waiting, the first matchup between the schools since Florida State's victory in the 2005 Atlantic Coast Conference championship.

"We've had their number over the last 25 years," Bowden said Sunday on his weekly televised coaching show. "They'll be laying for us."

The unranked Seminoles (6-3, 3-3 ACC) are coming off their biggest win since upsetting Virginia Tech 27-22 for the title two seasons ago.

"There's no reason for us to get the big head," Bowden said. "We've

still got a ways to go."

Florida State's most impressive win this season, before it handled Boston College its first loss, was a 21-14 win Sept. 29 over Alabama.

BC fell 27-17 to the Seminoles on a cold, nasty Saturday night in Beantown. The win likely knocked the previously unbeaten Eagles from a national championship shot.

Virginia Tech (7-2) was equally impressive in its tuneup for the Seminoles with an unexpectedly easy 27-3 win at Georgia Tech.

If nothing else, Drew Weatherford's sharp performance against BC and its Heisman Trophy candidate Matt Ryan, likely ends the long-simmering quarterback controversy at Florida State, where Xavier Lee is completing a two-game suspension for academic reasons.

Weatherford completed 29 of 45 passes for 354 yards and a pair of touchdowns at BC, his second straight sharp showing. He's thrown for 1,375 yards and seven touchdowns with just one interception on the season.

Pinellas High School Football Scoreboard

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

November 9, 2007

Admiral Farragut Academy at Calvary Christian
Boca Ciega at Gibbs
Clearwater at Tarpon Springs
Countryside at Seminole
Dixie Hollins at Dunedin
Gulf at East Lake
Out-Of-Door Academy at Indian Rocks Christian
Keswick Christian at Northside Christian
St.Petersburg at Lakewood
Northeast at Largo
Palm Harbor University at Pinellas Park
Academy at the Lakes at Shorecrest

BYE - Clearwater Central Catholic, Osceola, St.Petersburg Catholic,

Last Week's Scores

Bishop McLaughlin 7 Keswick Christian 55
Bradenton Bayshore 0 Boca Ciega 42
Cardinal Mooney 7 Clearwater Central Catholic 22
East Lake 21 Countryside 13
Pinellas Park 20 Dixie Hollins 14
Palm Harbor University 7 Dunedin 25
Largo 17 Gibbs 14
Lakewood 20 Southeast 23
Osceola 14 Northeast 30
Northside Christian 49 Shorecrest 21
Seminole 8 St.Petersburg 20
Tarpon Springs 41 Springstead 11
Lake Placid 6 St.Petersburg Catholic 38

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What NFL franchise has the most
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See Sports Page Next Week For The Answer!!

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| 1. Ohio State 10-0 | 14. Texas 8-2 |
| 2. LSU 8-1 | 15. Florida 6-3 |
| 3. Oregon 8-1 | 16. Hawaii 8-0 |
| 4. Kansas 9-0 | 17. USC 7-2 |
| 5. Oklahoma 8-1 | 18. Auburn 7-3 |
| 6. Missouri 8-1 | 19. Virginia 8-2 |
| 7. West Virginia 7-1 | 20. Boise State 8-1 |
| 8. Boston College 8-1 | 21. Clemson 7-2 |
| 9. Arizona State 8-1 | 22. Alabama 6-3 |
| 10. Georgia 7-2 | 23. Penn State 7-3 |
| 11. Virginia Tech 7-2 | 24. Tennessee 6-3 |
| 12. Michigan 8-2 | 25. Kentucky 6-3 |
| 13. Connecticut 8-1 | |

AP TOP 25

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| 1. Ohio State (60) 10-0 | 24. California 6-3 |
| 2. LSU (5) 8-1 | 25. Kentucky 6-3 |
| 3. Oregon 8-1 | |

Others Receiving Votes

Florida State 89,
Cincinnati 68, Brigham
Young 44, Penn State 38,
Illinois 27, Arkansas 20,
Wisconsin 12, South
Florida 11, Wake Forest 8,
South Carolina 6, Purdue 3,
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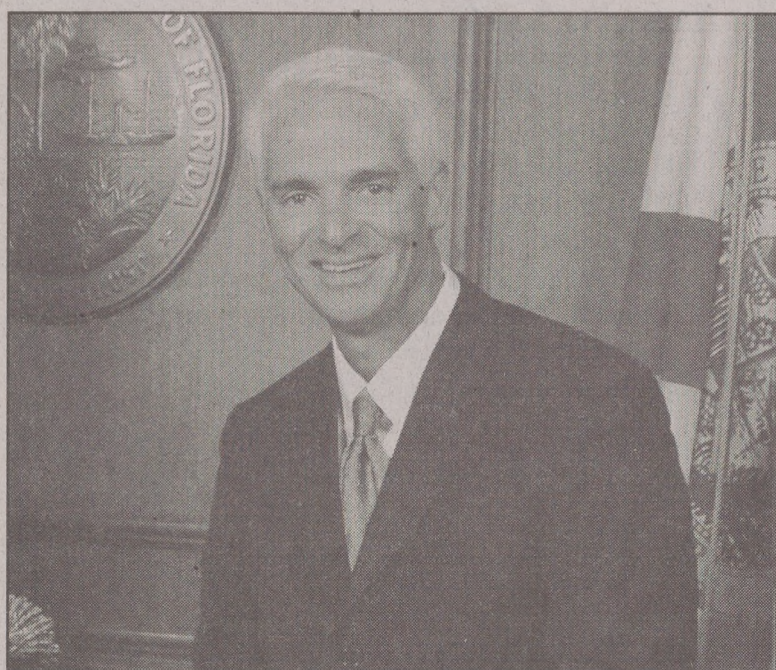
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STATE NEWS

Governor Crist Opens Clemency Report For Applicants



Governor Charlie Crist

TALLAHASSEE — that decision makers on the Governor Charlie Crist announced today that Florida's clemency applicants appearing before the Board of Executive Clemency will now receive their case analysis reports prepared by the Parole Commission prior to the scheduled hearing. Previously, the reports remained confidential and were provided only to members of the Board of Executive Clemency. The Governor's announcement comes as a result of public testimony during public hearings of the Commission on Open Government.

"Individuals applying for clemency should have the same information available to them

two witnesses testified about difficulties they experienced in assisting clemency applicants, due to the secrecy that surrounded the process.

"I would like to propose the current clemency information policies be modified to include the release of all information to an inmate's lawyer or professional representative or to the inmate if he or she is filing without representation. I believe this modification would facilitate a much more fair and balanced outcome for all," said Lynda Markham, Indian Harbor Beach, Florida, during her testimony at the public hearing.

Section 14.28, Florida Statutes, grants the Governor authority to release confidential information. The case analysis report includes a summary of the offense, criminal and traffic history, personal background information, and the Parole Commission's recommendation to the Clemency Board. The case analysis report will be provided to the applicant or their authorized representative prior to their hearing date. Information provided by victims, prosecutors and judges will remain confidential due to public safety concerns.

For more information about the Commission on Open Government, please visit www.flgov.com/og_home.

The Florida Department Of Health Recognizes November As American Diabetes Month

TALLAHASSEE - The Florida Department of Health (DOH) joins the American Diabetes Association (ADA) in recognizing November as American Diabetes Month to raise awareness of the "Many Faces of Diabetes" within the community. Over 1.5 million Floridians have diabetes and about 2.5 million obese adults are at increased risk for developing type 2 diabetes.

"Floridians can prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes and its complications by increasing physical activity, eating healthier and reducing excess body weight," Diabetes Program Administrator Tammie Johnson, M.P.H. said. "Individuals should also be mindful of developing pre-diabetes, a condition in which blood glucose levels are higher than normal but not yet high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes."

One way to control blood glucose levels is through lifestyle changes:

- **Know family history.** Discuss personal risk for diabetes and pre-diabetes with a healthcare provider.

- **Commit to a game plan.** Set goals and work with a healthcare provider, family and friends. Losing five to seven percent of excess weight helps reduce the risk

of diabetes and keeps blood glucose in control.

- **Be physically active every day.** Regular exercise such as walking tackles several risk factors at once. Start slowly and increase to 30 minutes of brisk walking a day. Even modest amounts of activity, such as walking the dog or working in the garden, helps cut the risk of obesity, high blood pressure and diabetes.

- **Make healthy food choices.** Diet impacts health by helping control body weight, blood pressure and cholesterol.

- **Track progress.** Record personal weight as well as daily dietary intake. Tracking progress is proven to be one of the most powerful tools to help lose and keep weight off.

Every week during November, the ADA raises awareness about the importance of knowing diabetes risk factors and symptoms, as well as the life-threatening complications of heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney disease and amputation. To help prevent this epidemic from growing further, ADA is highlighting some of the many faces affected by diabetes and the resources available to the public.

- **Employees** (November 4-10) Promoting healthy lifestyles in the workplace can help to prevent

type 2 diabetes and its complications, saving companies thousands of dollars a year.

- **Diabetes around the world** (November 11-17) Worldwide, over 246 million people have diabetes. By 2020, that number is expected to rise to 380 million.

- **At-risk populations** (November 18-24) One in two minorities born in 2000 will develop diabetes in their lifetime if current trends continue.

- **Youth and Type 1 Diabetes** (November 25-30) Youth diagnosed with type 1 diabetes have the most urgent need for care. The new ADA Planet D campaign will provide resources and networking to those youth and their families.

DOH promotes, protects and improves the health of all people in Florida. For more information about diabetes, please visit the DOH website at www.diabetes.org, contact a local county health department, or call 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2382). Information from both these sources is available in English and Spanish. For detailed statistics, visit Florida's Community Health Assessment Resource Tool Set web page (CHARTS) at www.floridacharts.com and search for "diabetes."

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NATIONAL NEWS

28 'Media-Makers' to Document Culture of the Mississippi Delta

BY REGINA L. BURNS
ASSOCIATED PRESS
WRITER

JACKSON, MS. (AP) — Filmmakers and producers from across the country will come to Mississippi later this month to document the Delta and its rich black history. "For us, Mississippi with the tremendous cultural history is among the wealth of reasons (to come to the state)," said Jacquie Jones, the executive director of the National Black Programming Consortium.

Jones said 28 "media-makers" from Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, New York, Houston, Denver, New Orleans, Chicago and Ghana, West Africa will be in Jackson Nov. 11-16 for the 2007 New Media Institute.

They will produce projects "in several different areas and document the stories of African American culture and life in Mississippi," she said.

Jones also said the heads of PBS, National Public Radio and the other national media organizations were due in Jackson to attend screenings and to participate in discussions about diversity.

NBPC is one of five ethnic

'consortia funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and has provided content to public television since 1979.

"We inaugurated this project last year with WGBH Boston and what we did was convene leaders with public media and technology," Jones said.

The institute's Web site says it trains new and seasoned filmmakers who want to create innovative projects using the latest in digital technology.

In that vein, some participants will travel to sites along the Mississippi Blues Commission's Blues Trail, Jones said.

"Some of the projects are directly associated with the blues trail. There are some interactive projects and some audio podcasts," Jones said.

Jones said organizers considered Florida and other locations in the South before selecting Mississippi. She said a group came to the state in February on a scouting trip.

"Mississippi Public Broadcasting was incredibly enthusiastic," said Jones.

The institute began in September with participants working on virtual media

projects.

A kickoff party scheduled Nov. 11 at Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center will be participants' first in-person meeting. The B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center, the Mississippi Film Office and the Crossroads Film Society are hosting the party.

Nine teams will head to the Delta to record interviews and performances on Nov. 13-14 and for a film students exchange and screening on Nov. 13 at Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena. The remainder of the institute involves training, editing and screenings at MPB, Jackson State University and other locations.

"Various faculty and students will attend sessions and we'll have students who will help out by serving as gophers and chauffeurs," said Dwight Brooks, a JSU professor and chairman of the Department of Mass Communications.

Brooks said JSU will host a screening on Nov. 15 of a 2006 film called "Banished" along with a question and answer session with producer/director Marco Williams. Organizers say the

film tells the story of black descendants and white residents who struggle with their hidden past.

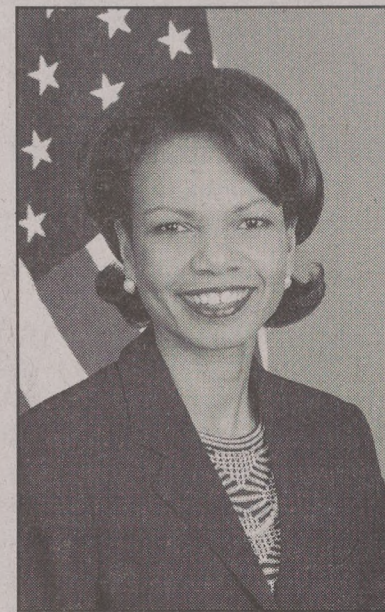
MPB will host PBS president/CEO Paula Kerger, NPR CEO Ken Stern and the executive directors of the different organizations for a Nov. 16 by invitation-only discussion on diversity and the public media, said Kay Shaw, director of strategic partnerships at NBPC.

Jones said Kerger and Stern "are both really interested in exploring people who are not represented in the audience. There's a big difference between black content and content created by black media-makers."

Nikki K. McCelleis, MPB's director of education services, said she hopes some of the projects will later be nationally broadcast.

"I hope that they will get a newfound respect for what's offered here in the state. A lot of times the media focus on the negative aspects of our state. This gives people a first hand look at what Mississippi truly is rather than what they have read about or seen on TV," she said.

Democrats Accuse Rice of Poor Diplomacy in Iraq



Condoleezza Rice

WASHINGTON D.C. (NNPA) — House Democrats last week accused Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice of grossly mismanaging diplomatic efforts in Iraq and concealing information from Congress, putting a visibly frustrated Rice on the defensive.

At a hearing by a congressional watchdog committee, Democratic lawmakers said the State Department under Rice had been too lax with armed security contractors, ignored corruption at the highest levels of the Iraqi government and was sloppy in overseeing construction of the costly new U.S. Embassy in Baghdad.

"I think there was a huge gap between what she said and reality," said Rep. Henry Waxman, chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

Waxman, D-Calif., and other Democrats said they would not call on Rice to resign, noting that their frustration is with the Bush administration's policies rather than Rice alone. Says Rep. Peter Welch, D-Vt., a committee member, "If you just change the deck chairs, it's not going to change the policy."

MINISTER FARRAKHAN

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Farrakhan added, "They don't want me here. You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free. We must have the knowledge of self; God; the time; and what must be done. The slave-master's children are dropping our people."

For many of the students it was their first time hearing the Minister, who spoke to them like they were his own children. With the love and care of a parent, he guided them to a better understanding of their purpose for obtaining higher education.

"Knowledge is not given to seek a job to make money. It is to cultivate the rich treasures within. It frees the possessor. It gives them the power to move the impediments in their path," said Minister Farrakhan.

"That's not the knowledge offered by former slave-masters' children to the children of former slaves. You come out with a degree in Black Studies and what are you going to do? That's non-threatening to white supremacy."

He explained that math is a fundamental discipline which allows people to become builders of society and allows people to create jobs for self and kind.

He then spoke on the issue of students pursuing education in engineering.

"Look how many start; look how many finish. There is a plan of destruction for the black male. You are very valuable to the future of our people," Farrakhan said.

"This [the audience of students] is rich. This is potentially powerful, but it's controlled. In order to make a real difference you have to inspire students to build for themselves instead of asking the slave-master's children for a job."

"A word turned Bro. Malcolm around. Reading is the way out if you know how to read. This is not a country of the people, by the people and for the people; it's [a country] of the rich, by the rich, for the rich and to hell with the poor—make them your slaves," which the students responded with a thun-

derous applause.

Farrakhan then asked the students, "How will you use your knowledge to advance the cause of freedom? Will you do it? All of us are in the valley of decision. Prepare your children not to be beggars of jobs."

During a question and answer period, he learned that the engineering program at Clark Atlanta is being phased out and the class of 2008 will be its last.

"All forms of engineering are absolutely necessary if a people are to be free. To close engineering at a black college is just what I'm talking about," he said shaking his head. "They want you to be in disciplines that don't challenge white supremacy."

He challenged all HBCU's to stop letting their white, corporate sponsors dictate what is to be taught to the thousands of black students who spend their time and money at these universities looking for true education.

Morehouse College student James McCoy said, "I am so happy that the Honorable Louis Farrakhan spoke to us today about the role of the black collegiate. The problem of every HBCU allowing other forces to stop teachers from really teaching their students what they should know is very disheartening and should be addressed in a much wider forum."

Dr. Carlton Brown, Vice President of Clark Atlanta introduced Minister Farrakhan as a man who has stood for every black leader that has gotten into trouble. "He has come to their aid and rescue," Dr. Brown said. For Tuskegee University freshman Daiyaana Muhammad, the speech was inspirational.

"He spoke about the different majors and the limited opportunities that black students have in finding jobs. I was so excited. It was a great message. I wanted to change my major and do something to threaten white supremacy."

Laila Al Hakim contributed to this article.

Civil Rights Museum's Racial Makeup Becomes Issue in City Where Martin Luther King Was Killed

BY WOODY BAIRD

MEMPHIS, TN (AP) - The National Civil Rights Museum, built around the motel where civil rights leader Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in 1968, is drawing criticism that its governing board is too white, and too closely tied to big business, to watch over such an important piece of black U.S. history.

"The board should more nearly approximate the soldiers of the civil rights movement that it celebrates, and they were overwhelmingly African-American," said D'Army Bailey, a black Tennessee judge who played a major role in the museum's founding, but resigned from the board in 1991 when it refused to make him chairman.

The museum opened 16 years ago at the old Lorraine Motel and is run by a foundation under a lease from the state. A citizens group largely inspired by Bailey, opposes renewal of the foundation's lease and argues that the museum should instead be run by the government, whether local, state or federal.

Of its 32 board members, the Lorraine Civil Rights Museum Foundation lists 12 as representatives of large corporations, including FedEx, AutoZone and International Paper. Fifteen board members are black, 15 are white, one is Hispanic and one is of East Indian heritage.

Board member Pitt Hyde III, a white man and the retired founder and chief executive of AutoZone, defended the makeup of the museum's leadership, saying: "I think we have



The National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tennessee

a very representative board that's a cross-section of the community."

And board chairman Benjamin Hooks, a black man and former head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said the corporate representation helps the museum raise the private gifts and corporate donations on which it relies so heavily. Hyde's family foundation, for example, has contributed more than \$4 million.

The complaints lodged by the citizens group, the Lorraine Civil Rights Museum Community Oversight Committee, are drawing attention from the Memphis City Council and black state lawmakers.

The museum "shouldn't be in the hands of powerbrokers," said Joe Brown, a black city councilman.

Some 200,000 people visit the museum each year to see the motel room where King stayed when he visited

Memphis to support a garbage workers' strike. The room is set up to appear as it looked moments before King walked onto the Lorraine's balcony and was cut down by a rifle bullet.

James Earl Ray a small-time crook and escaped convict, pleaded guilty to killing King and died in prison in 1998.

The rest of the museum offers a vivid tour of the civil rights movement in America, from the early slave trade, through the turbulent 1950s and 1960s to today.

Local and state government spent \$5 million to build the museum, and the state owns the former motel, which houses the main exhibits.

The foundation's lease was scheduled to expire Sept. 30. It was extended for 90 days to continue talks on the museum's request for a longer-term lease of perhaps 50 years, and more state funding for maintenance.

A 50-year lease would be the same as giving the museum

to the foundation, critics argue.

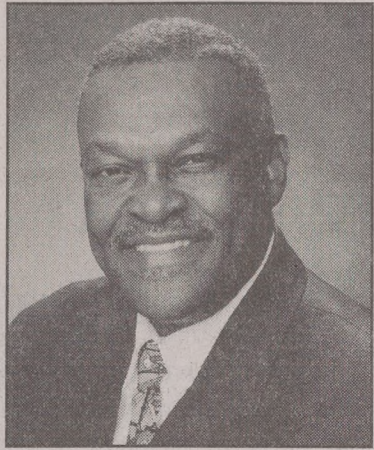
An earlier citizens group led by Bailey and a few colleagues raised \$144,000 to buy the dilapidated Lorraine Motel at foreclosure auction in 1982 and lobbied for years to get public financing for the museum.

Bailey is now one of the board's harshest critics, accusing its members of letting the museum fall into disrepair while worrying more about their own public image than the civil rights movement.

"What better public relations instrument do they have in the city where Dr. King died?" Bailey said. "They have hijacked King."

The museum has an operating budget of more than \$4 million a year, with about \$1 million coming from donations and most of the rest from admissions and special events. The foundation raised \$11 million for an expansion five years ago that added two buildings to the museum and doubled its size.

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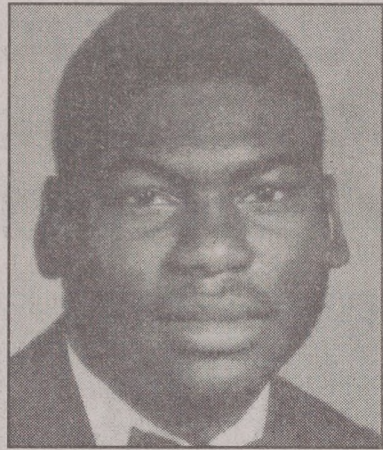


Samuel Edward Gregg, Sr.

Samuel Edward Gregg, Sr., 57, of Lauderhill, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2007. He was born on March 30, 1950 in St. Petersburg. After graduating from Gibbs High School, he continued his education at Payne College in Augusta, Georgia where he received his Bachelors Degree in Social Studies with a minor in Music. He received his Masters Degree in Education from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale. He was a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. His calling was to be an educator, allowing him the opportunity to touch the lives of many.

Though he devoted a great deal of time and attention to his career, he was a family man whose first priority was always providing for his family. He is survived by his devoted wife, Dorothy; daughters, Christina Monroe (Seth), Erica Gregg, and Candace Gregg; son, Samuel E. Gregg, Jr.; two grandchildren, Tyrone Moss, Jr. and Asia Monroe of Lauderhill; his parents, Frank and Daisy Caldwell; sister, Carolyn Eke-Peart (Nehemiah); brothers, Ronald Gregg (Bette) and Carlton Gregg (Gayle), Stafford, VA.

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Tony Anthony Butler-Wright

Tony Anthony Butler-Wright was born on April 29, 1967 in Cochran, GA. He departed this life on October 20, 2007. He leaves to cherish his memories: his mother, Christine Thomas; his father, Joe Wright (Evelyn); his grandmother, Ruth Butler; all of St. Petersburg, FL; two brothers Willie J. Butler, of Georgia and Douglas Wright of St. Petersburg, FL; one sister Ashley Wright of St. Petersburg, FL and a host of other relatives and friends.

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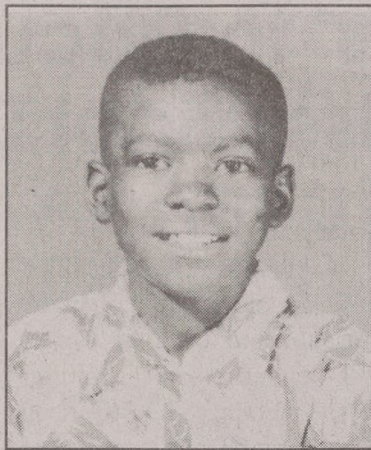


Betty Jo Wilson-Mendez

Betty Jo Wilson-Mendez was born on July 16, 1934 in Tampa, FL to Sumner, Sr. and Lillian Bosa Wilson. Following an extended illness she departed this life on Thursday, October, 25, 2007.

She leaves to cherish her memories three children, Gina Sanders, Traci Wilson (Phillip) and Shawn Carlos Menendez; three grandchildren, Dylan Mitchell II, Nakeisha and Shantae Menendez; two great-grandchildren Rodney Jackson, Jr. and Tehere Menendez, all of Tampa, FL; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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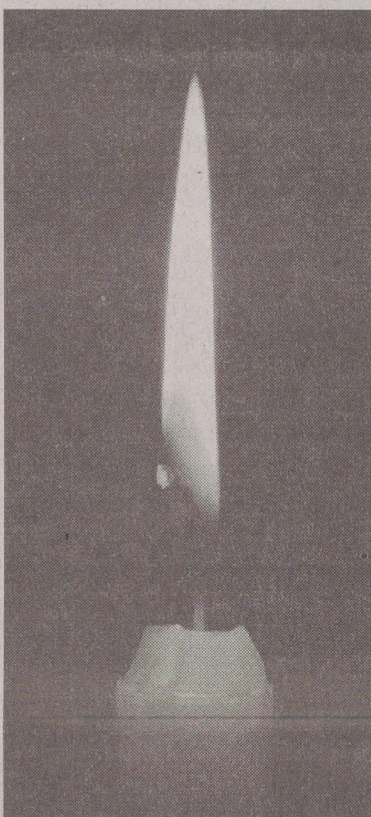


Eddie Lee "Napico" London

Eddie Lee "Napico" London was born to the late Frank London, Sr. and Pearl Mae Edwards on June 18 1944 in Millen, GA. He departed this life on Wednesday, October 10, 2007.

He leaves to cherish his memories: one sister Katie Edwards; one brother, Johnny Edwards (Ada); one uncle, Albert L. Sweat (Thelma).

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Karen Elizabeth Fraction Hamilton 49, of Largo, passed away on Tuesday, October 30, 2007.

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CHURCH NEWS

New Philadelphia Community Church

**“Church Anniversary
Deacon/Deaconess Observance”**

**A historical milestone will be celebrated on Sunday at New Philadelphia.
Four men, “...full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom...” will be ordained as Deacons.**

Brothers James Bolden

Malcolm Butler

Lawrence Jones

James Robinson

and Leroy Monroe (posthumously)

This monumental event will also recognize through inspired liturgy,
recently appointed deaconesses to the church family.

This sacred spiritual excursion in the life of
New Philadelphia will commence at 11:30 a.m.

Candidates for the Ordination will meet with pastor at 10:00 a.m.

A reception for deacons/deaconesses will follow mid-morning worship.

Attire for the occasion is black.

Members are urged to be prompt in attendance.

Sermon for the morning will be offered by the Rev. Dr. Vikki T. Gaskin-Butler, Ph.D.; M.Div.,
Pastoral Associate, New Philadelphia Community Church.

Church family is reminded of graduation party for Rachel Aunese Cato.
This happy event will be held at the Frank Pierce Recreation Center on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007.
Time for this gathering will be 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
For additional information, contact Frances Cato.

Members are reminded of financial goal for this year’s anniversary.
Gleaners are being given members, the proceeds from which will go towards
paying property tax on seven acres of church-owned land.
These donations will be received weekly throughout anniversary observance.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

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Reverend Carlos L. Senior, Pastor
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Pastor Carlos Senior and the New Hope family invite you to worship with us on Sunday morning. Our morning begins at 7:45 with the early morning service. Sunday School begins at 9:00 with classes available for all ages. Bring the entire family to learn more about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Worship continues at 10:30 with the New Hope male chorus leading the congregation in praise. The music team consists of Michael McKenny, Vernard McKenny, Marcus Childs, and Corey Givens. The Bread of Life will be served by our Esteemed Pastor, Reverend Carlos L. Senior. Immediately after Service, new members will be honored at a luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

New Hope will worship with Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Dr. John A. Evans, Pastor at 4 O’clock in the afternoon on Sunday, November 11th. We are looking forward to assisting them kick off their pastor’s 10th anniversary.

MIDWEEK P.U.S.H. (Prayer, Understanding & Spiritual Healing)

- Bible Study (Adult and Youth) and Prayer will be held on Wednesday evening.
Prayer begins at 6:00p.m. Bible class begins at 7:00p.m. Come let’s study the word together!
- Prayer Band is held on Thursday mornings at 11:00. “Effectual, fervent prayers of the righteous availeth much.” Come let’s praise God together.

Upcoming Events (Month of November)

- November 17.....District Meetings, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon.
- November 19.....College Tour, Florida Memorial College, Miami, Florida.
- November 24.....Women’s Ministry, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon.

“Life’s best outlook is a prayerful uplook.”

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

***“Write the Vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it.
For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak,
and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it,
because it will surely come, it will not tarry.”
Habakkuk 2:2 -3***

Dr. John A. Evans, Sr. God’s anointed and appointed leader of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, the official staff and the entire Friendship Family located at 3300 31st. Street South graciously extend to all a cordial welcome to join us for worship. The doors to our church are always open to our guests.

We anxiously await your presence with joy deep down in our hearts and arms open wide. The vision at the SHIP has been given to Pastor Evans by God. Join us as we venture into a unique worship experience in God’s holy place. This worship experience leads to the victory in Christ Jesus.

The entire Friendship Church Family would deem it an honor to have you worship with us during our early morning worship service which commences at 7:45 a.m., church school at 9:30 a.m. followed by 10:45 a.m. mid-morning worship. Pastor Evans will impart God’s word to his people. The Friendship adult choir will sing songs of praises.

Worship with us as we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of our Pastor Dr. John A. Evans, Sr. and first family. “Our Theme: Continuing the Vision of a Divine Purpose”

Kick-off Service	Sunday, November 11, 2007, 4:00 P.M. Pastor Carlos Senior and the New Hope Church Family, St. Petersburg, Florida
Black Tie Banquet	Friday, November 16, 2007 Mirror Lake Lyceum, 7 P.M. (Please call the church @ 727-906-8300 for additional information)
Culmination Services	Sunday, November 18, 2007 7:45 A.M. Pastor Troy Adams New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church
	10:45 A.M. Pastor Andrew Thomas Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church, Columbia, SC
	4:00 P.M. Pastor Charlie Barfield Pineland Missionary Baptist Church, Madison, Florida

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St. Mark Missionary Baptist church

The St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of its dynamic, spirited, man of God, the Reverend Brian Kenneth Brown, its official staff of deacons and trustees, and the entire congregation of St. Mark, extends to the community at large, its wishes that there would be an overflowing of God’s blessings upon their lives. St. Mark is grounded in a Christ-centered doctrine that has as its central theme, a belief that we are a haven of hope, help, and healing for a world hungering for and thirsting after the enlightened word of God. At St. Mark, we are Christians willing to work and partner in unity, praising God for His awesome gift, His son Jesus Christ.

Calendar for the month of November

November 10	Women’s Bible Study @ 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Pastor’s Aid Meeting 12:00 p.m. Deaconess Meeting
November 14	Brotherhood Meeting @7:00 p.m.
November 17	New Member Fellowship Dinner from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.
November 18	Church outing to Macedonia Baptist Church in Rubonia, FL at 3:00 p.m.
Deadline for Thanksgiving Food Bags	
November 22	Thanksgiving Day

St. Mark Offers ...

- Sunday School is held for both children and adults of all ages. Sunday School starts each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to come out and join us.
- Baptist Training Union is each Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Members and the general public are invited to come out and study the Bible with us and learn “What Baptists Believe”.
- Children and Youth Ministry Meetings are held every Monday at 6:00 p.m. Children in the community are welcomed to join us.
- Sunday School Teachers’ Meeting is held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
- Senior Hour of Power Bible Study is held every Thursday at 9:30 a.m.
- Prayer Meeting and Bible Study every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.
- St. Mark After School Tutoring Ministry: Neighbors Involved in Kids Education (N.I.K.E.). Open to all school age children ever Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- St. Mark Technology Lab: the St. Mark Computer Lab will be open and available for use on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 pm. to 7:30 p.m. The lab is available for St. Mark members as well for members of the community. We invite you to come learn basic information about how to use a computer and how to use Word or Excel software to complete letters, reports or projects. Volunteers are needed who can assist with questions about Microsoft applications, internet and email during lab hours.

NEW MT. OLIVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH INVITES FORMER PENTAGON PASTOR AND HOMETOWN SON AS GUEST SPEAKER



Dr. Sylvester Lorenzo Shannon makes his hometown, St. Petersburg, his next stop along his busy retirement trail. Dr. "Syl" Shannon is speaker for 11:00 a.m. Worship Sunday, November

11, 2007 at New Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church, 3001 18th Avenue South, St. Petersburg. He graciously accepted the invitation to speak at New Mt. Olive, the "Mother Church" of his family's St. Petersburg roots. Dr. Shannon will be in town for his annual fall visit with his family. His sisters, Evangelist Vivian S. Rucker, Patricia W. Macon and Effie S. Alexander and husband, Tommy Alexander and a brother, Albert C. Williams, are all of St. Petersburg.

Dr. Shannon's forty-year ministry, in the Presbyterian Church (USA), began with ordination at John Hall Presbyterian Church, Carthage, North Carolina and continued with pastorates in North Carolina, Virginia, Kansas, District of Columbia, and New York. In 1990, Syl was installed as the tenth pastor of the largest Presbyterian Church in the nation, the Historic

Siloam Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn. In 1992 Dr. Shannon participated in the Global Immersion Program of McCormick Theological Seminary at Harare, Zimbabwe. He conducted Preaching Missions to Okinawa in 1968, 1971 and 1981; Belgium in 1975; West Berlin in 1975 and 1976; and the Republic of Korea in 1968, 1971, 1981, 1984, 1988 and 1990. Dr. Shannon participated in the Princeton Summer Institutes for twenty years.

Dr. Shannon retired after his forty-year ministry following the coordination of Siloam's One Hundred-Fiftieth Church Anniversary. His hard-earned retirement was celebrated with family and close friends at the Yale Club of New York City on 30 April, 2006. Syl Shannon is a frequent demand speaker in churches, on college and university campus, at military installations,

weddings, anniversaries, funerals, retreats, workshops, and revivals when he is not relaxing and enjoying the Outer Banks on North Carolina's Eastern Shores.

"Syl" Shannon lovingly recalls and credits growing-up in St. Petersburg in an education-focused, God-fearing home with spirit-filled, devoted parents and grandparents and having committed classroom teachers; becoming an Eagle Scout under the direction of Mr. Allen as well as his first job, delivering newspapers for the St. Petersburg Times, all among the foundational and solid influences which helped shape his character and build his tenacity, work ethics, fortitude and determination.

Dr. Shannon is married to Doris Brooks Shannon, formally of Gainesville, and they will celebrate their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary in

December. They are proud parents of three adult children, Glenn LeRoy, Keith Lester, wife, Belinda, and Dr. Theresa Emmanuel, husband, Christopher, and doting grandparents to four grand-daughters and one grandson. The oldest of which is Sabrina Shannon, a graduating senior at FAMU.

Syl is active with the NAACP, The National Urban League, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, ROCKS, Inc., The America Legion and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He is a member of the Retired Officers Association and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). He is past National President of Duke University Divinity School Alumni Association. Syl Shannon plays tennis, collects color slides of churches and cemeteries and seeks always to enrich lives through sharing serious conversation and public address with all who take Jesus Christ seriously.

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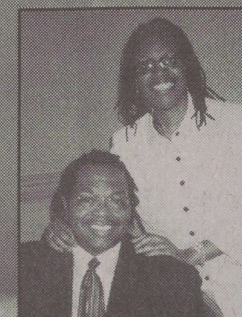
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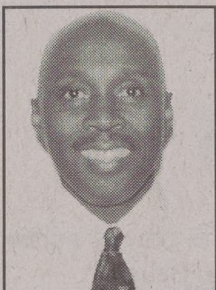
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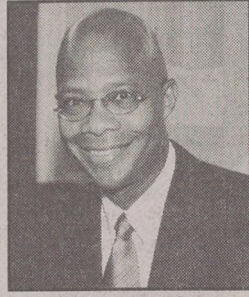
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Bro. Robert Smith

Sunday Morning Bible Class.....9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
 Ladies Bible Class Monday.....7:00 p.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship.....5:00 p.m.
 Monday Evening Bible Class.....7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class.....7:00 p.m.

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SERVICES

Sunday Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.
 A. M. Service - 11:30 a.m.
 YPWW (1st & 3rd Sunday) - 5:30 p.m.
 P.M. Service (1st & 3rd Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.
 P. M. Service (2nd & 4th Sunday) - 5:30 p.m.
 Tuesday Morning Prayer - 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service - 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday Bible Study (for all ages) - 7:30 p.m.



Queen Street Church Of God In Christ

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Elder A.P. Conage, Pastor

8:00 A.M. - Sunday Service
 9:30 A.M. - Sunday School
 11:00 A.M. - Morning Service

9:00 A.M. - Tuesday Prayer
 7:00 P.M. - Wednesday Bible Study

YPWW First and Third Sunday of each month after Morning Service

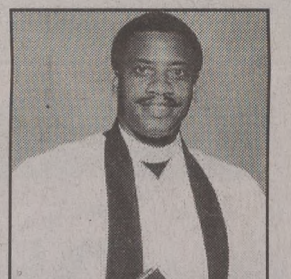
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 Devotion:10:00 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.
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 Morning Worship Service:10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study each Tuesday:6:30 p.m.

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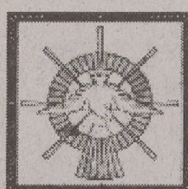
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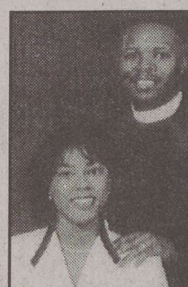
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 Worship Services.....11:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.
 Wednesday6:30 P.M. (Prayer)
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Table Talk at Dinner Time



Use this recipe for Chocolate-Honey "Smash" Snacks to introduce kids to the joy of cooking and allow them to reap the delicious rewards of being mom's sous chef.

CHOCOLATE-HONEY "SMASH" SNACKS

- 2-1/2 cups thin pretzel sticks, broken into 1-inch pieces
- 1 package (10 oz.) peanut butter-flavored chips
- 2-1/4 cups Quaker oats (quick or old fashioned), uncooked
- 1 package (12 oz.) semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup raisins
- 3/4 cup honey
- 1 cup dry roasted peanuts (optional)

In large bowl, combine pretzels, oats, raisins and, if desired, peanuts; mix well. In large saucepan, combine chips and honey; heat over low heat, stirring constantly, until chips are melted.

Immediately pour over oat mixture, stirring until all dry ingredients are evenly coated. Spread and "smash" onto foil-lined cookie sheet, working the mixture to the edges of the sheet (mixture will be 3/8- to 1/2-inch thick, depending upon size of cookie sheet). Place in refrigerator until firm. Break into pieces. Store tightly covered at room temperature.

MAKES ABOUT 4 DOZEN

Cook's Tip: Substitute 1 package (11 oz.) butterscotch-flavored chips for peanut butter-flavored chips.

COURTESY OF FAMILY FEATURES

(Family Features) With fall schedules kicking into high gear, it's time to pencil in one more event: Family Night. We instinctively know what a lot of research is now confirming — that the family that dines together is healthy in many ways: Kids do better at school, family members communicate, the family enjoys priceless bonding time and everyone eats more healthfully.

Share kitchen time together. The kitchen is warm, the pace relaxed and the conversation easy. Preparing meals together lets you steal a bit more time with your family. After dinner, plan a simple group activity.

Dinner should be as simple as putting something on the grill, or a pizza in the oven, and tossing a healthful salad. Let the kids make the dressing and toss the salad.

Look for ease and convenience in fresh foods when creating appealing dinner menus: Quick-cooking, small cuts of meat or fish; pre-cut fresh veggies from the produce section, fresh and nutritious salad blends ready-to-toss.

Let everyone weigh in when menu planning — make a list of family favorites that are easy to prepare. Don't forget desserts!

Keep a list of conversation starters for table talk: If you could be any character in a book, who would it be? Who's your favorite super-hero? If you could live in any other state, which would it be?

Every night let one family member select music to accompany dinner. After dinner, play a favorite game or take a walk around the neighborhood.

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Check out family-friendly recipe ideas at www.FreshExpress.com.

Honey Ginger Salad With Grilled Salmon (Serves 4)

- 12-16 ounces salmon fillet
- 2 6-ounce packages Garden Salad
- 2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved

Honey Ginger Dressing:

- 5 tablespoons salad oil
- 1-1/2 tablespoons sesame oil
- 1/3 cup seasoned rice vinegar
- 1-1/2 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon grated gingerroot
- Dash hot pepper sauce, or to taste

Prepare grill with a fairly hot fire. Arrange salad in large shallow bowl with tomatoes, set aside. In a screw-top jar combine all dressing ingredients; cover and shake well; reserve 5 tablespoons dressing for salmon.

Place salmon skin side down on hot grill, cover and grill for 10 minutes. Uncover grill, brush salmon with reserved dressing; remove from grill to cutting board.

Toss salad and tomatoes with some of remaining dressing; portion onto 4 dinner plates. Top each salad with a portion of salmon, serve immediately with whole wheat dinner rolls. Refrigerate remaining dressing.

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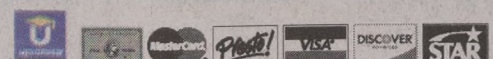


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